

Senators Thompson of the 14th, Miller of the 49th, and Mullis of the 53rd offered the following amendment:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 68 (LC 46 0162S) by inserting after "program;" on line 10 the following:*

to revise the prior school year requirement for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program;

*By inserting between lines 316 and 317 the following:*

#### **SECTION 2A.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2114, relating to qualifications for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) The student:

(A) Has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Georgia public school; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply if:

(i) The student's parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia within the previous year; or

(ii) The student previously qualified for a scholarship pursuant to this article; and

(B) Has an Individualized Education Program written in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations; provided, however, that the State Board of Education shall be authorized to require a local board of education to expedite the development of an Individualized Education Program and to waive the prior school year requirement contained in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, in its sole discretion, on a case-by-case basis for specific medical needs of the student upon the request of a parent or guardian in accordance with state board procedures. If an expedited Individualized Education Program is required by the state board pursuant to this subparagraph, the state board may additionally require such expedited process to be completed prior to the beginning of the school year. The State Board of Education shall provide an annual report by December 31 of each year through December 31, 2015, regarding the number of waivers approved pursuant to this paragraph to the General Assembly;"